

NOAH AND THE FLOOD

We are living today on the verge of the eternal world. In Matt. 24:27 the Lord Jesus tells us: "But as the days of Noe were so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." In the days of Noah they were eating and drinking, rushing about in search of pleasure and entertainment, thinking only of themselves and having a good time. They had no time to listen to the special message that God sent by Noah for those Antediluvian people. So it is today—millions are rushing about so busy with the cares and pleasures of this world that they find no time to search the Scriptures for the wonderful message that God has sent us for this time.

There are twelve great lines of Bible prophecy that point with accuracy to the present generation as the one in which this world will come to its end, and Jesus will return in person. The world's final warning is being proclaimed in all the world for a witness unto all nations today. This is the last great message to be preached to the world, and it is bringing to men and women a choice of life or death, of heaven or hell. Each one must make this momentous decision that will affect him here and throughout eternity.

This warning message is being preached by Seventh-day Adventists today. It is not a new message, for the Bible has given us many examples of godly men who were Sabbath-keepers and who believed that Jesus would come in glory to receive His saints. Let us consider Adam first of all. In Mark 2:27 God says: "... The Sabbath was made for man ..." Adam and Eve were created on the sixth day, and the very next day, which was the seventh day, they kept the Sabbath. In Gen. 2:3 we read: "And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made."

When Adam and Eve were tempted and fell into sin, God gave them a promise (Gen. 3:15) that His only begotten Son would come to this world to die that they might live. They were given the promise of eternal life through Jesus who would redeem the world and then return again the second time to gather all His children home. Since Adam kept the seventh-day Sabbath and looked forward to the second advent of Christ, he was in reality the very first Seventh-day Adventist.

Next let us take Abraham, another great man of God. In Gen. 26:5 we read: "... Abraham ... kept ... my commandments, my statutes, and my laws." The fourth commandment says that the seventh day is the Sabbath, so Abraham kept the seventh-day Sabbath. In Heb. 11:8-10 it says: "By faith Abraham ... looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Therefore Abraham was a Seventh-day Adventist, keeping the seventh-day Sabbath, and looking for the second advent of Jesus when he expected to be taken to the City of God to dwell with Him throughout eternity.

Moses was another great man of God. There is no question that Moses kept the seventh-day Sabbath, for the law written with the finger of God

was given to Moses in the mount and he delivered it to the people. God also spoke the ten commandments from the mount, and Moses heard it. Moses also looked forward to the coming of Christ while on earth. The Bible reveals that Moses was resurrected after his death in a special resurrection and taken to heaven. Moses was truly a Seventh-day Adventist since he kept the Sabbath and looked forward to the day when Jesus would come.

David is another outstanding man of God. David kept the Sabbath, obeying all of God's commandments. In Ps. 19:7 he wrote: "The law of the Lord is perfect ..." In Ps. 40:8 he says: "... Thy law is within my heart." And in Ps. 119:44 David tells us: "... So shall I keep thy law continually forever and ever. So David kept God's law, including the Sabbath commandment, for God's law is perfect, and one of God's holy commandments says to keep holy the seventh-day Sabbath.

David also looked forward to the coming of the Lord, for he wrote in Ps. 50:3, 4: "Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people." Here we have David's graphic description of the second coming of Christ with power and glory in the midst of fire when He would call His saints. David not only kept the Sabbath but he believed in the second coming of Jesus. So David was a Seventh-day Adventist.

Another interesting fact about David is that he looked forward to being resurrected on the resurrection morning. He says in Ps. 17:15: "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." So it is very clear that David believed in the second coming of Jesus, the resurrection, and eternal life in the kingdom of heaven. He also was a true Seventh-day Adventist.

Christ stands head and shoulders above all other great Bible characters, and when we consider His example we find that Jesus was a Sabbath-keeper. Luke 4:16 says: "... As his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day ..." In Matt. 5:17 Jesus says: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law ..." It was the custom of Jesus to go to church every Sabbath day and teach the people. He did not, as some think, do away with the law at the cross. Christ was so concerned about Sabbath-keeping that He told His disciples to pray that when the enemy invaded Jerusalem and they had to flee, it would not be on the Sabbath.

Some think that Seventh-day Adventists are in the minority, just a small, insignificant group of people in this world; but this is absolutely untrue. Adam, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Daniel, David, Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Joel, Amos, John the Baptist, Mary the mother of Jesus, the other women who followed Him, Peter, Paul, the Apostolic church, millions of martyrs, billions of angels,

and more than a million people in the world today are numbered among Sabbath-keepers.

Christ was the best Sabbath-keeper of all, and He preached about His second advent many, many times. He also gave many signs pointing to His second coming in clouds of glory. Millions of people profess to believe that Christ is coming back soon, but just to believe isn't enough. The devils also believe that He is coming soon. People who really believe in His soon coming must get ready to meet Him. Then that will be a day of joy and gladness; but if we are not ready to meet Him, His coming will be a day of terror to us.

In Amos 5:18 we read: "Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? the day of the Lord is darkness and not light." The day of the Lord is not darkness to all, but only to those who are not ready for His return. Those who are ready will welcome His return. The conceited, hard-hearted, and self-sufficient wicked sinners will cower like rats in a hole. Their confidence in self gone, their weapons useless, their security vanished, they will want to be destroyed forever rather than face a pure and righteous God.

In Amos 5:19 and 20 we read further, describing those who are not ready when Jesus comes: "As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall and a serpent bit him. Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?" At that time there will truly be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Friends, do not wait until it is too late to give your heart to God.

Suppose a real estate company should offer free a tract of land in one of the best locations in the country with a bungalow and twenty acres of the finest producing fruit trees known. All you would have to do to obtain one of these beautiful estates would be to get on the next Monday morning boat at 10:00 o'clock, go to the location, and claim your property.

Suppose Mr. Jones, a very poor man, out of work, and with a large family to support hears of the offer and sees a way out of his poverty. He goes home and tells his neighbors about the wonderful opportunity. Mr. Jones said, "You know, that is the most wonderful thing I ever heard of. Just think, land absolutely free to anyone who will take it." The neighbors ask, "But are you going?" Mr. Jones says, "Well, I should like to. It is certainly wonderful."

Through the week Mr. Jones sits and dreams and talks about the wonderful place, and longs to have it. At 9:55 Monday morning he is awakened by the shriek of the whistle from the boat, hurriedly dresses, runs and jumps into his car and rushes for the boat; but he arrives at the pier just in time to see it steaming down the river full speed. His heart heavy with disappointment, he turns his car around and drives back to his little shack and poverty.

That is the way it is with many who come down here to hear the lectures about heaven and the world to come. They say, "Isn't it wonderful? I like to hear him tell it," but when asked, "Are you

going home with Jesus when He comes?" they answer, "I surely hope to. I wish I could. I love it. It thrills me every time I hear it." There are thousands and millions hearing about heaven, believing it, and loving it; but when the OLD SHIP ZION gets ready for her last trip, they will still be dreaming about it, but not ready to go. It will be too late to get ready then, and they will be left to face—not poverty—but eternal death.

When Jesus came the first time, the preachers and the people believed He was coming. They knew where He was to be born, for when Herod asked the wise men where Jesus was to be born, they answered: "In Bethlehem." They knew the place, the time, and the story of His birth; and yet most of them went into Christless graves. They were not willing to make the sacrifice necessary in order to obtain the salvation offered by Jesus Christ.

Jesus spent three and one-half years teaching and healing, yet the priests and rulers crucified Him. Today many say that they would have accepted Jesus if they had been living back in those days. But I wonder! In those days when anybody accepted Christ he was at once thrown out of the church. And when a person was put out of the church back there his own family disinherited him and he was considered no better than the despised beggars.

The parents of the blind man who was healed by Jesus were afraid to confess their belief in Him publicly. In John 9:22 we read: "These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue." This was a serious matter, for when a person was put out of the synagogue, no one would hire him to work. Or if he was in business, he was boycotted and could not buy or sell. Nobody, young or old, would have anything to do with him or associate with him. He just about had to leave the country or starve to death.

If you are not willing to give up your church affiliations for the religion of the Bible tonight, I am sure that you would not have stood up for Christ back there. If you will not take your stand for the teachings of the Bible now because you might lose your job or your friends, I am sure you would never have stood up for Christ back there when it meant the loss of your associates and your business. People make the same excuses today for not following the religion of the Bible as they made 1900 years ago for not following Jesus.

After the Jews had seen many wonderful evidences of Jesus Christ's divinity, His healing the blind, cleansing the lepers, and bringing the dead to life, they stood back and excused themselves from following Him by saying: ". . . We are Moses' disciples. We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is." John 9:28, 29. They thought the religion of their ancestors was good enough for them. Rather than give up the religion of Mother and Father, they gave up Jesus.

Many today are also saying that their church is a good church and an old church with lots of fine people in it, that the religion of their mothers

and fathers is good enough for them; so they decide to cling to the religion of their fathers and the teachings of their church. Such people would most assuredly have rejected Christ if they had lived back in His day, for the religion taught by Jesus Christ was much different than the teachings and traditions of the modern churches of that time, just as the truths taught from the Bible are different than most sermons preached from modern pulpits today.

Jesus says in John 5:46: "For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me." It is very easy for someone to look back to the experience of someone else and say that if he had only lived back there, he would not have done such things. The leaders of Christ's day looked back and said that they would have accepted the truths that their fathers rejected. They would never have killed God's holy prophets. Many today look back and say that they would surely have accepted the Jesus that the high priest and rulers of the Jews crucified.

In Matt. 23:29 and 30 we read: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous. And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets." They wept at the tombs of the prophets and felt so sorry, saying they certainly would never have done such terrible things; but still at that very moment they were plotting to take the life of Jesus.

People tell me that they would have stood up for Christ during the Middle Ages when the persecutions were so strong against the Christians. They say they would have gone to the stake and died rather than give up Christ. I know one thing, and that is that there would be no one going to the stake and dying for Christ in this present age, unless he had a lot more backbone than most of the people here in this present world now. A man hesitates even to give up a job for Christ, let alone his life.

Some people are sure that if they keep the commandments of God they will starve to death, but the martyrs did not need to worry about starving—they were burned to death. According to your willingness to walk in the light that you receive, you will be judged in the last day. The Scriptures say that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord, and you know that the seventh day is Saturday. But some say, "My father was saved keeping Sunday—I am going to take a chance." I want to tell you that the man who goes against the light of God's Word isn't taking a chance. He is fixing up utter destruction for himself. As surely as the Bible says that the soul that sinneth it shall die, just so surely are the judgments of God awaiting that man.

The Bible says in I John 3:4: "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." One of the commandments in the law says that the Sabbath is the seventh day, in which you shall not do any work. Now let us read Rom. 6:23: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life

through Jesus Christ our Lord." Just as surely as we disobey God, eternal death and the lake of fire are awaiting us.

Those who will be accounted worthy of the heavenly land will possess great moral fortitude and courage. They will stand up for the Bible and Jesus Christ regardless of the consequences. Today it may mean only the loss of a few dollars and friends to stand up for Christ, but one of these days before the world passes through its final scenes, the enemies of the truth will launch a real warfare against God's true followers. That will be one of the most terrible times of persecution that this world has ever seen.

The Bible speaks about this persecution in Rev. 12:17: "And the dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Now you all know what a remnant is. It is the last of anything. So here is brought to view the last true church (for a woman represents a church in prophecy). Just before Christ comes again, the last true church will suffer great persecution. Now, the text does not leave us in doubt as to which of the hundreds of modern churches is HIS REMNANT CHURCH. It is the one that keeps the commandments of God and has the testimony of Jesus Christ.

We read about that true church again in Rev. 14:12. "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." How very clear it is, as John saw the Saviour coming down the vaulted skies with all heaven blazing in glory, he heard a voice saying, "John, here they are." And he asked, "Who are they?" "Those who are going to heaven when Jesus comes." Let me read again who they are: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

Let us continue reading in chapter 14, verse 14: "And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle." There will be a people in this world when Jesus comes who will be keeping "the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. I want to be among those commandment-keeping people, don't you?"

When He comes in all the glory of that great day, those who have kept His commandments will rejoice. "And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation." How I long to be in that company of the redeemed and go home to live with Jesus forever!

Dear Friends, let us be waiting for Him, ready when He comes, and He will save us. How are we to get ready? Christ points out His true saints by saying that they are the people who KEEP THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. Now they are not Jews, for Jews do not accept Christ as their Saviour as a nation. They are Christian commandment keepers. Among the hundreds of religious organizations today, where do you find Christian commandment

keepers except in the organization that I represent, the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

Some wonder why Seventh-day Adventists talk so much about keeping the commandments. They do that, Friends, because it is the sign of God's true church, and they are just hanging out the sign so that the millions of people in the world will know which among the hundreds of denominations is God's true church. Some ask, "If this message is right, why is it not preached more often? Why don't the other churches take it up?" I am going to tell you tonight so you will know why, not for the other fellow but for yourself, which is still more necessary.

God says in Isa. 30:21: "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee saying, This is the way, walk in it, when ye turn to the right hand and when ye turn to the left." As you listen from night to night to the truths of the Word of God, He will speak to your heart and say, "This is the way, walk ye in it." If you do not heed that still small voice when it speaks to you, you will soon harden your heart against the truth of God and turn away from it.

The reason so few people are willing to walk in the light at this time when Jesus Christ is soon coming again is the same reason that prevailed in the days of Noah. In Matt. 24:37-39 we read: "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." This is a rather accurate description of the present generation—marriages and divorces—juvenile delinquency and dope—crime and alcoholism. Too many people have no time for God or His message.

Let us consider for a few moments this ark that Noah built. It had to be large enough to shelter not only Noah and his family, but all the animals, for as you recall, they came into the ark by pairs of the unclean, and by sevens of the clean. Not only did this ark have to be large enough to shelter all the animals and fowls, but it also had to have a tremendous storage space for food—enough to last 370 days! Not only must Noah provide food for his family but also for all the animals and fowls that were with him in the ark.

The ark also had to be built sturdy enough to withstand the terrific storm that accompanied the flood. It was made weatherproof and waterproof—withstanding the storm for 40 days and riding the waters safely for one year and ten days. It was a sturdy ship, built of the most durable wood. The Bible says it was constructed of gopher wood, or cypress. This wood is very strong and very light weight. The Bible tells how Noah preached to the people as he was building the ark. This message of warning that the flood was coming was preached for 120 years, the length of time it took Noah to complete the ark. Anyone willing to accept this message from God could enter the ark and be saved.

The ark was a mammoth ship. Taking the length in cubits as we find it mentioned in the

Bible, and remembering that a royal cubit is 21 inches, the dimensions of the ark would be as follows: Length, 525 feet; depth 52½ feet; width 87½ feet. It had three stories, and if you would like to have the floor space in square feet, the ark contained 137,811 square feet, or the equivalent of three and one-sixth acres!

George W. Dickie, a Scotchman, graduated from the University of Edinburgh designed for the United States the battleship Oregon. This was the first ship built of that size which would weather the stormy seas. While drawing his plans Mr. Dickie's attention was drawn to the fact that Noah's ark was 525 feet long, 87½ feet across her beam, and 52½ feet deep, and that it was on the water for 370 days, so he drew up his plans to make the battleship Oregon according to these same specifications; and when he consulted with the U.S. Navy Department, presenting his plans, they were accepted. This battleship was built in almost the exact proportions of Noah's ark, but one-seventh smaller. And the battleship Oregon was a very seaworthy ship!

To substantiate the story of Noah's ark and the Flood, we have only to cite that today mammoths have been discovered in the wastes of the polar regions, found after about 4,500 years. These mammoths have been buried and frozen since the days of the Flood. Some have been discovered in the ice and snow of Northern Siberia. These huge animals have been found in a perfectly natural condition, some of them with undigested grass in their stomachs, and others with unchewed grass in their mouths. These great mammoths found in the polar regions prove that Noah's Flood was a reality. Sudden destruction did come on the earth at that time.

The Bible says in Gen. 1:7: "And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so." But up to the time of the Flood, the water above the earth had never rained down, and the waters under the earth had never gushed out. The earth was the same temperature all the year around, and was watered by dew at night. No one had ever seen rain before, so it is not hard to understand why they said, "A flood that will destroy the whole earth is impossible."

Only eight out of the multitudes who had heard God's warning message believed it and were willing to enter the Ark and be saved. You say, "If I had been there I would surely have gone on board." I am not so sure whether you would have gotten in or not. I know that atheists, and even many professing to be Christians, make light of the Bible story about the Flood. They say the story is foolish because if there had been a flood and an ark everybody would have flocked into it. Noah would have been swamped with requests for reservations.

They might have filled the ark all right, if they had believed Noah's story about the coming flood, but they wouldn't believe it and couldn't be persuaded by any means to go in until the flood was actually upon them, and then it was too late. Noah preached 120 years trying to influence peo-

ple to go into the ark and be saved; but he could persuade none but his own family. Why didn't more folks believe him and go with him into the ark? They were too busy eating, drinking, marrying, and having a good time to be concerned with Noah's warning message from God of the impending flood.

Let us suppose there was a young man who listened to Noah preach about the coming flood. He became very interested, and after the lecture stepped up to Noah and said: "I believe your message. I know it is from God. I desire to help you build this great boat. You can count on me as one of the passengers. How much will you pay me, Noah, if I come down to help you build?" "O, my young man," says Noah, "I couldn't pay any wages. I am putting my entire fortune into the boat and giving all my time. If you want to be saved, then come and give your time and your savings, also, and there will be a place for you."

The young man staggered at the thought of giving his savings to the project and having to work without any salary, and losing the good job he had then; but he finally made up his mind that it was worth as much as that to him to be saved. So he started for home to tell his wife of his plans to help build the ark so the family could be saved from the coming flood. He felt very enthusiastic about it and was sure that his wife and relatives would be very pleased with his plan.

"How much will he pay you?" asked the wife. "Nothing," said the husband. "Now look here, husband," continued the wife, "you are not going to get mixed up in any fanatical religion about the world's coming to an end by a flood, and lose your job, and let me and the children starve. If you join any kind of religion like that you will be in hot water every minute you are around home. Who knows if that man is preaching the truth, or just has some fanatical ideas that nobody believes in. You go around and ask our minister about it and see what he thinks about God's destroying everybody by a flood."

The next day the young man met the preacher, and when he had made known his problem the friendly minister came over and put his hand on the young man's shoulder and said: "Now, don't be all upset about the preaching of that man Noah. Nobody belongs to his church. He is a poor, illiterate fellow who thinks God is going to save him and his church and drown all the rest of the world, including our greatest ministers and religious leaders. God is a God of love and is too good to damn anybody. You go over and talk with some of the professors at the university, and they will set you straight on this idea of a world flood."

The first man he met at the university was the professor of sociology. To the young man's question about Noah's plan for saving the world, he replied: "That man Noah is all wrong on his ideas for saving mankind. If he had Christianity and real religion in his heart, he would not spend his money on an old boat out on a dry hill that can do nobody any good, but would use his money to help the poor and to advance science. He is just a fanatical old man who thinks he can get people saved by believing in his religion."

Next the young man went to the professor of science and asked him about the coming flood. Standing in the doorway of his home, they look across the city to the unfinished ark. "A flood of water to cover the whole world?" queried the great man of learning. "It is absolutely impossible. It never has rained in all the history of time. It is against all the laws of nature. Go home and forget all about it. It is absolutely unscientific to think of the world's being destroyed by a flood."

As the young man returned home wondering if they were right and Noah was wrong, he met his wife at the door, and she said that grandfather had been there while he was gone. "Grandfather laughed when I told him about your new religion. He said that when he was a boy over one hundred years ago, Noah was building the old ark then, and preaching the same sermons about the world's coming to an end by a flood."

"Then, husband," his wife continued, "I felt so mortified. While grandpa was still here the young minister who just finished his course at the university and is the pastor of the new modernistic church on the corner, came in to see me. I told him about your religion and he laughed so loud that you could have heard him a block away. I felt so ashamed to think that you would even consider such fanatical ideas. Husband, don't have anything to do with that man Noah. You will disgrace and embarrass us all."

Well, after the young man had listened to such an array of arguments he decided to forget all about it and go along as he had done before. But he couldn't forget it. He would go down every week to see how the work was progressing on the ark, and to hear Noah plead with the people to accept salvation. One day the work was finished, and to his surprise the young man saw a great stream of animals of all kinds walking in an orderly way up the gangplank into the ark. Two by two of the unclean animals, and seven of each kind of clean animal, they all made their way to the door of the ark. The birds also were flying in at the window.

A group of university graduates were standing by, so the young man asked them to explain the phenomenon. "Surely," said the young man, "God is bringing these animals into the ark to save them." "O, don't be alarmed about that. There is nothing supernatural about it," said one. "That is easy to explain. These animals have innate propulsion of the subconscious mind, impelling cerebro-spinal reflexes, adroitly manifesting ambulatory progression, superinduced and co-ordinated in sentient beings." The young man could not understand what the scientist was talking about but was embarrassed to ask for fear he would display his ignorance. So he went home to tell his wife all about it.

The next morning the young man again went to see the ark. A cold chill ran up his spine as he saw that the gangplank was gone and the door was shut. "That was what Noah warned us would happen," he cried out. "I was afraid it would come to this! O, why didn't I go in?" He looked skyward, expecting to see the rain coming, but the sky was clear without even a cloud. And people

were going along about their daily business, unconcerned about the ark and its occupants. However, he was very nervous all day and could not sleep that night. He kept thinking about that closed door and Noah's message that had become so familiar to him. "O, why didn't I heed the warning?" he thought to himself.

He went down every day for six days, and still the sky was clear and there was no sign of rain. He began to agree with his wife that he had been foolish to worry so. On the seventh day he mentioned to his wife what a fool Noah had been and how glad he was he had not gotten mixed up with his religion. He had no more than gotten in sight of the ark that morning when a streak of lightning shot across the sky, followed by a deafening roar. "O," he shouted, "the flood is coming, and we are not in the ark!" Suddenly after another deafening clap of thunder, rain began to pour down from the darkened sky.

The young man rushed home to get the family and with thousands of others, started for the ark, but they found their pathway cut off by great torrents of water gushing up out of the earth. They turned about and headed for the highest mountain peak. But they had gone only a short distance when the road commenced to break up and water gushed out. He seized the babies and ran for the nearest hill. There were shrieks and groans all about him as people were washed away by the angry waters.

A great gusher broke from the hillside and tore the children from the young man's grasp. Alone, he scrambled up a tree to its topmost branches while the torrents of water rose higher and higher. Soon the muddy waters were swishing about his feet, and with great difficulty he hung on with the swirling currents tugging at his body. Just a moment later—a great wave came and carried him down into the murky depths to his death.

"And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the coming of the Son of man." Many people come and hear these messages; they are convinced that the messages are of God, and they are persuaded to accept them. Then they go home and are advised by friends to see the preacher of their church, or the scientist, and get their consciences fixed up just like the young man in Noah's time. When it was too late, when the door was closed he realized his mistake.

Just as the Flood came upon the unsuspecting multitude, one day in the not too distant future

like lightning out of a clear sky, we will see the form of a cloud far off in the distance. And as we look at it, suddenly the whole heavens are ablaze with glory, and we see that the great and mighty day of God has finally come upon us. Those who have accepted God's message of warning and entered the ark of safety—His true church—will shout for joy: "Lo, this is our God."

But those who have rejected God's pleadings will fall on their faces and cry: "My God, it has finally come. I was afraid they were right, down at the Bible lectures. I knew that Jesus was coming some day, and I wanted to see Him, but I lost out because I refused to walk in the light that God revealed to me. Now it is too late."

Dear Friends, "Behold, now is the accepted time, behold, now IS THE DAY OF SALVATION." II Cor. 6:2. If the Spirit of God is talking to your heart tonight, make your decision now. O, what a great day it will be when we get home to the glory country to dwell throughout eternity with God and Jesus, and all the holy angels! When comparing this with the nightmare of the souls who are lost, those who refused to accept God's gift of salvation, we will be led to exclaim, "Heaven is cheap enough."

Jesus says in Rev. 3:20: "Behold I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him, and he with me." Will you open your heart's door and let Jesus come in and take complete control tonight? He went all the way for you; will you go all the way for Him?

"Have your dearest loved ones left you
Just because you turned to Him?
Has your heart been nigh to breaking?
Have your eyes with tears been dim?"

"Have all earthly pleasures vanished,
Worldly treasures gone from sight?
Do you seem to be enshrouded
In the blackness of the night?"

"Ah, Gethsemane was harder.
Just remember what He bore.
How much sterner was the conflict
Of the Christ who went before;"

"But He conquered in life's battles,
And He broke death's iron bands;
And your name in now engraven
On the palms of Jesus' hands."